

Today

Queer Patriotism.  
Has Carpenter a Chance?  
How To Be Robbed.  
One Minute Per Man.  
—By ARTHUR BRISBANE—  
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Patriotism takes various forms. For instance, an intelligent young Frenchman in America inquiring about bets on the coming prize fight between Dempsey and Carpentier. America will bet five or six to one on Dempsey, mixture of American-Indian and Irish blood. The inquiring Frenchman says he can lose no money, because, while Americans give odds on their man, French "patriotism" will bet "even money or better" on the Frenchman.

Taking odds here to be laid off in France, with the help of French patriotism, makes loss impossible for the international bettor.

What is patriotism? Why should it make American crowds howl with indignation at the suggestion that the Frenchman's fists, obsolete weapons, may beat the American? The answer is that, while fists as weapons are obsolete, admiration of fighting and the wolf instinct are still with us. The years are not many, fifteen thousand or thereabouts, since among our ancestors "the old man" aged thirty to forty ruled the family by the power of his fists and arms, terrorized the young men, and thought he owned all the women, which, luckily for these generations, he did not.

Once the only thing that counted was the power to knock another man down. That is all there was to Richard the Lion-Hearted, and all the chivalrous knights from Lancelot to Don Quixote. They put the gallop of a horse back of their "punch" and sometimes fought for an idea instead of gate money. There was no other difference.

Ten thousand young voices exclaim: "Never mind the has-beens. Has Carpenter any chance against Dempsey?"

He has, young men; all the chance of a rapid-fire gun against a whippet tank. The tank, probably, will roll over the machine gun. But the gun MAY put a bullet in the right spot and stop the tank.

The American fighter has the more powerful muscles, the Frenchman the better nerves. And he will not be in the least afraid of the "champion," which is 30 per cent of every fight. Don't bet. Let your patriotism find some other expression.

A lady with fine earrings, diamond rings, best clothes on, is bound for a dinner dance in the evening. Her husband sees "a white taxicab trundling with green" running along and tells the driver to go for his wife. The driver goes, takes the wife to a spot in the park, where two gentlemen are waiting. A pistol is pointed, the lady steps out and waits while she is robbed of rings, earrings and money, even her stockings searched. Then the driver and robbers, genial confederates, drive off together, leaving her in the road, fortunately not injured physically.

What better encouragement to crime than sending an unknown taxicab, most convenient machine for robbery, to take a well-dressed, bejeweled woman on an errand through the park or through lonely streets after dark?

There are responsible taxicab companies, with reliable drivers. There are associations of independent taxicab drivers, careful in admitting members to their organizations, thoroughly reliable. There are individual taxicab owners, operating individually, perfectly honest. There are also jail birds and professional criminals, scores of them in every city, running taxicabs as a side issue for part of a livelihood, waiting for a chance to rob women or men at their serious business.

If you don't want to be robbed, call a taxicab with a reputation known to you.

Don't believe that any license number protects you. A number is easily changed. Responsible cab owners, outside of big companies, could all enter some organization of owners. The irresponsible should be put off the street.

Congress has decided to add forty-eight members to the lower house. Salaries of the new ones will amount to \$360,000 a year. Secretaries, free postage, mileage, and sundries will cost nearly as much more. Is anything gained by the increase?

The idea is to give added representation to increased population. With the increase there will be 483 members of the lower house, one for 219,000 of population. When our population rises from 105,000,000 to 310,000,000, as it will do presently, shall we have 986 Congressmen, to be ruled by ninety-six Senators and vetoed by one President?

# TUBERCULAR YANKS HERE FED ROTTEN FOOD, THEY PROTEST

**WEATHER**  
Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Monday; not much change in temperature. Lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees. Gentle to moderate variable winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 29 degrees.

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## HERO'S WIDOW EXORCISES OTHER WOMAN

### HOSPITAL FARE ANGRERS YANKS

Beef "Embalanced," Eggs "Bad," Public Health Service Patients Complain.

DON'T LIKE MAIL SERVICE

Consumptives Make Kick to Officials—Charges Denied by Dr. Trimble.

One man was slightly injured and damage estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000 was caused this morning by a fire which swept a frame building at the Public Health Service Hospital, 2650 Wisconsin avenue northwest. The fire, of unknown origin, started at 7:45 o'clock in the quarters of the male attendants. All the personal effects of the men were destroyed.

Charging that they were being given "bad" eggs, skimmed milk, "embalmed" beef and objectionable maid service, some of the twenty-six tubercular patients, all ex-convicts, who are said to have contracted the disease in the trenches in France during the world war, held an indignation meeting on Friday at Public Health Service Hospital, No. 30, Mt. Alto, on Wisconsin avenue.

As a result of the meeting, a committee of three was appointed to confer with officials of the hospital to make formal protest against food and service.

The patients claimed they were being "bullied" and had been told when protesting that if they were dissatisfied they could "take the gate."

Learning of the indignation meeting, Past Assistant Surgeon General S. L. Christian, in charge of the Public Health Service hospitals of the District, arranged to meet the committee of three, representing the patients, to ascertain whether the complaints were warranted and if so, to correct them.

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Attack Italian Chamber in Protest at Delayed Pensions. Guard Is Shot.

ROME, Dec. 19.—Three royal guards were in hospitals today following a demonstration by war cripples in front of the chamber of deputies in which shots were fired and all members of the guard hurt and the hospital yesterday afternoon by Dr. Christian and Drs. Harry Evans.

The cripples, many with crutches and others borne by their comrades on stretchers, gathered before the chamber doors and broke many windows.

Later, however, they commandeered a number of automobiles and drove to the war ministry, where they staged another demonstration.

Attempts to invade the chamber of deputies were frustrated by troops. In one attempt to break through a cripple wrested a revolver from a royal guard and shot him in the breast. The cripples stoned the chamber doors and broke many windows.

### Pastor Quits, Unable To Believe Man Who Plays Cards Is Pagan

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Rev. Frank E. R. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, one of the most fashionable in the city, today resigned and withdrew from the ministry.

The world war and service among the soldiers in camps destroyed his former ideals of Christianity, and so, after twenty-two years in the ministry, he quits with creed shattered and faith submerged.

"The church is in excellent condition," reads a statement, submitted to the official board of the church, reads as follows:

"As a result of a conviction which has been formed in my mind for several years, I have decided to withdraw from the pastorate and enter another calling. My action is not taken with respect to this church in particular, but rather in respect to the ministry as a vocation. My views of life and doctrine have changed and are changing, and I find it increasingly difficult to discharge some of my duties in the right spirit."

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Opinion in London, however, is widely divided on the probability of Ireland's acceptance of home rule, and there is little belief in the soundness of the government's optimism.

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John Barleycorn Inspires Two Eruptions in Restaurant. Three Arrested.

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At 1:30 o'clock George Hampton, night manager of the establishment, told the police a number of inebriated "gentlemen" were engaged in a free-for-all fight. Several precinct police and headquarters men hurried to the restaurant and quelled the rioters.

At 2 o'clock the desk sergeant at No. 1 precinct was aroused by another phone message from Childs that a police squad was needed.

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### HOME RULE TO BE LAY SOON

Irish Bill Passes Commons. Reaches Lords—King Will Sign Early This Week.

By ROBERT J. PREW. Universal Service.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Immediately upon the new year the British government will begin the greatest Irish experiment of the past one hundred years, when it attempts to enforce the Irish Home Rule act.

Irish Bill Passes Commons. This bill for the government of Ireland was passed by the House of Commons in amended form for the second time yesterday and was then sent to the House of Lords, with the government refusing to accept the lords' proposal that if the south of Ireland parliament failed to function for two years the act shall be considered dead and a crown colony government shall supervene.

Premier Lloyd George has declared the trial period should extend for three and a half years, to give Ireland at least two opportunities of deciding whether the sentiment of the people is, or is not, in favor of some rule and a demand for southern Ireland to return to constitutional methods.

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### Shaw Now In Despair For U. S. and Britain; Puts Hope In Lenin

The following is the third of a series of articles written for the Washington Times by George Bernard Shaw on "The New Terrorism."

In his first article, Mr. Shaw declared Britain's military policy toward Ireland would inevitably lead to war with the United States. In the second he pointed out how the 1920 election had saved the United States from "Wilson's savage peace treaty," asserting that the vote had put America back where it was before "the President's surrender to Europe."

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW. Famous English Author. (Copyright, 1920, by Star Company.) (Special Cable to the Washington Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Let us no longer deceive ourselves. Our statesmen are still in the dark ages and the war that brought down the gloom to blackness and intensified the terror to nightmare.

Like a man broken on a wheel, who shrieked at the first stroke but laughed at the second, we have ceased to respond to the horrors around us.

England blockading and starving central Europe and laying Ireland to waste; Japan keeping her countenance in Korea; holy Russia (for Bolshevist Russia is now either the real holy Russia or the most wretched of impostors) combining with the Turks to crush Armenia; South Africa threatened with a secession in which while labor is irreconcilable with the millionfold of colored labor; holocausts of children in the heart of Europe; and above all the steady rise of food prices in the face of the yet unanswered question whether the allies in starving central Europe have not also starved themselves—all this has so broken the spirits of the few who are capable of grasping it that they can only shrug their shoulders and say:

"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die," while the fools who have found that folly is at a premium in wartime, and the profiteers who have found that war makes profiteers rich, drive the sheeplike multitude in every direction where they can decry the chance for another war.

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### O'BRIEN BEAT ME, SOBS WIFE

Famous Veteran Given to Uncontrollable Fits of Temper, She Charges.

UNBALANCED, SAY FRIENDS

Woman Companion of Widow Disclaims Any Responsibility for Deed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Pat O'Brien, formerly Miss Virginia Elizabeth Allen, of Washington, D. C., movie actress and famous beauty, and widow of the former British aviator and noted war hero, who shot and killed himself here Friday night, vigorously denied today that Mrs. Sarah Otis was responsible for the estrangement of the couple, as alleged in a love note left by the suicide.

She spent most of the day on a cot in her room suffering from shock. She feared to meet her husband because of a premonition that a tragedy was impending, she told officers, between sons.

"I was in mortal fear of Pat," she said. "I was afraid to live with him for fear he would take my life. That is why I decided to go to his room where he telephoned that he wanted to talk to me."

"Mrs. Otis was just a friend to us, more like a mother than anything else, and I don't know what I would have done if she had not comforted me in my terrible distress. She was not to blame, and I feel I must contradict the awful statement left by my husband."

"Mr. O'Brien and I were married at Chicago. We came to Los Angeles to live, and he and I both worked in motion pictures. As time went on, he became subject to terrible fits of temper. He often struck me."

WOMAN CAME TO VISIT. "Mrs. Otis, who had known both of us several years, came from Chicago two months ago to visit us."

"Mrs. Otis also talked to the authorities. She said: 'I have known Lieutenant O'Brien for three years. I met him in Chicago while working with General Pershing's sister-in-law, Mrs. Jeanne Pershing, in a war booth. I became friendly with him and never had a quarrel with him.'"

"I accompanied Mrs. O'Brien to a hotel at her request. I always advised Mrs. O'Brien to return to her husband if she wanted to."

"While friends cared for the widow today, the opinion was expressed at the American flir who joined the British forces before the United States entered the war and made his sensational escape from Germany after being shot down behind the lines, was mentally unbalanced when he took his life in a hotel room."

PICTURE WAS FAILURE. His mental condition, it is said, was due to his war experiences and the additional fact that he had been threatened with starting in an anti-Japanese picture, "Shadows of the West."

So great was the opposition to the picture, it was said, that the film was far short of financial success.

It was stated today that Mrs. O'Brien fled hurriedly from her home in Hollywood Friday afternoon after a quarrel with her husband. Mrs. O'Brien was seen by a hotel maid and they took adjoining suites at a hotel.

O'Brien was the author of the famous book "Outwitting the Hun," and was said to be the only man outside of Government officials and diplomats who ever had an interview with the King of England.

WIFE WAS D. C. WOMAN. A certificate of suicide without the formality of an inquest will be issued by the coroner in connection with O'Brien's death.

The body will probably be sent to Mombasa, Ill., his former home. It was stated by the widow.

Mrs. O'Brien formerly was a Washington newspaper woman, writing under the names of "Virginia Dale" and "Virginia Dare."

MOMENCE, Ill., Dec. 19.—"Pat" is dead!

These words passed from mouth to mouth today and a hush fell over the gay holiday crowds. This little country town, nestling on the prairies of Illinois, was the home of Lieut. Pat O'Brien, the hero of the world war, whose life of adventure terminated with his tragic death in Los Angeles.

Momence was stunned by the story from Los Angeles of how Lieut. Pat O'Brien had killed himself.

It was just three years ago that Pat came home after his greatest adventure overseas. Four German airplanes had attacked him. He was wounded. His plane fell 8,000 feet. He returned to consciousness in a German hospital. While being moved he leaped from the train and staggered his way to Holland, then making his way to America.

### TODAY

of three members, with two of them absent.

It is easy enough to establish a republic, not so easy to run it in such a way as to give the "sovereign people" as the sarcastic expression has it, any real control. What, for instance, have YOU to say about the government of this country beyond the general statement that you don't think much of it?

### ASKS PRAYERS FOR CARDINAL GIBBONS

Bishop Reports Prelate's Condition Varies Every Hour—Wants Faithful to Pray.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—Bishop Owen B. Corrigan, vicar general of the archdiocese of Baltimore, this afternoon in an official bulletin regarding the condition of Cardinal Gibbons, who has been for several days at the home of Robert T. Shriver, Union Mills, Carroll County, Md., says the Cardinal's condition varies from hour to hour, but declares those attending him hope for early recovery, but asks for prayers. The bulletin as issued by Bishop Corrigan follows:

"The faithful of the archdiocese are most anxious about the many reports concerning the health of our beloved Cardinal. It is gratifying to announce that he is under the best of medical care. His condition varies from hour to hour, but those in attendance are hopeful of early recovery. His devoted people are urged to offer daily prayers for him."

### Get This

Distribution of The Washington Times calendar for 1921 was begun by carriers today. All subscribers should avail themselves of the opportunity to get one of these calendars.

They are highly artistic, of rare and delicate tinting effect, and worthy of a place in any library, studio or living room.

The picture ornamenting the calendar is from the brush of Haskell Coffin, one of the foremost illustrators of the present day. It is entitled "Motherhood," and shows a comely young matron in reflection, holding a laughing babe in her arms.

Be sure and ask your carrier for The Washington Times 1921 calendar.

### DISCOVER PLOT TO KILL JAPAN'S ARMY OFFICERS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A conspiracy has been discovered at Seoul, Korea, for the assassination of Japanese officers, said a Central News dispatch from Tokyo today.

Forty arrests have been made and arms and bombs were seized.

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